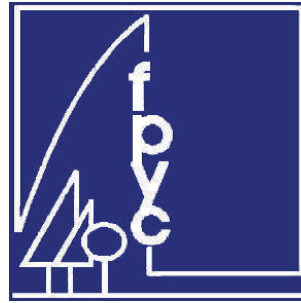


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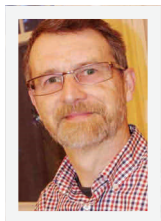
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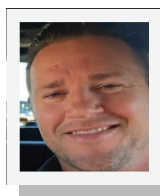
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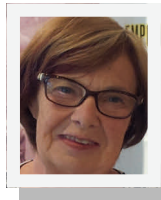
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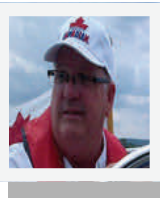
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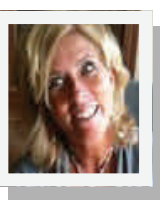
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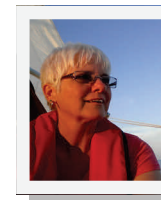
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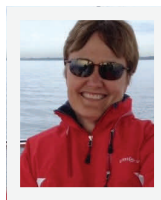
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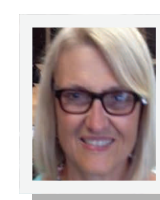
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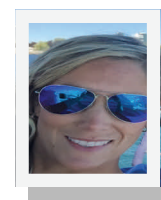
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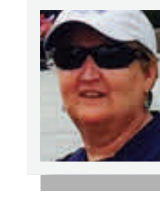
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# From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore

May



Welcome to May, new month, same effluence! Here we are with just the latest in the series of rainfall warnings. As of two o'clock this afternoon 47 mm have accumulated in Vineland with a forecast for another possible 20mm or so by the time it passes. At this point the rain has run out of places to go and has decided to make like a millennial and move into my basement. On the bright side, it gives me something to keep me busy while it is too wet to be rigging the boat. *[Apologies to any millennial readers, that was definitely an old timer's joke but hey, please don't take it personally. If you do, well, we have you outnumbered.]*

A recent report from the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Board contained the following paragraph, "The water level of Lake Ontario is now at (or above) the International Joint Commission's upper trigger level that applies at this time of year. Therefore, the Board is now operating under what the IJC defines as criterion H14, which directs the Board to set releases to provide all possible relief to riparians living along the shorelines of the entire Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River system, balancing water levels upstream and downstream to minimize flood and erosion impacts to the extent possible." Two things from this excerpt catch my attention. The first - I now know that as boaters we likely qualify as some subclass, or at least close relation to "reparians". Now how many of you actually knew that? Second - criterion H14 can be neatly summarized as a "share the pain" strategy. A very fair Canadian type solution designed to make sure that everyone is equally miserable and has something to complain about. But how about those channel depths, eh? Can't complain about those.

On the other hand, I have to admit that there have been some very nice days since I mused about April Monsoons in the last edition of Scuttlebutt. The boat is now launched, she floats and the mast is stepped; although not without some drama involving a lift point a couple of meters below centre and four people providing human ballast on the base of the mast. My thanks to Rob, Dave and the launch crew for the creative problem solving. Now I usually intend the "she floats" quip to be a bit of a joke but this year we have witnessed a heart breaking example that floating is not necessarily a given. There is something to be said for a healthy level of paranoia and obsessive compulsive behaviour about through hull fittings when it comes to boat launching. My personal mantra? Be there, do that!

In between the periods of grey wetness we have enjoyed the first club social event. On Saturday, April 29th. we held the pre-splash BBQ. The day was cool and overcast but from the food perspective, I have to say, it was the best yet. In addition to our usual fare of burgers and hot dogs with the mandatory toppings, we enjoyed sausages, chicken kabobs, lamb spiedini, shrimp and fried onions and mushrooms garnish options. Thanks, on behalf of all who attended, to Wayne and Teresa Bryant who provided the food for the feast. Burgers and sausages were donated by clients of Wayne, namely Grand River Foods for the burgers and Michaelangelo for the sausages. The rest was sourced and contributed by Storky's Diapers, which is Teresa's business. I have it on good authority that Teresa also cooked the eye-watering mound of fried onions and the mushrooms that all went so well with the BBQ. Thanks to both of you for providing such a great kick-off to the season. Also thanks to Gunter and Wayne for manning BBQ's, to Kim and Don for taking care of the shopping for the other necessities, to Bill for organization, barbecuing and covering anything and everything that wasn't already covered and last, but certainly not least, to the all the other board members and volunteers for the time put in to make it happen.

....continued



Next up on the event calendar is Sail Past. By now you should have May 27th marked in your calendar. The day starts with the colour guard and drum and pipes of the Grimsby Phantom Squadron Air Cadets, followed by the blessing of the boats and the on the water salute from the commodore. In the afternoon we will be featuring a wine and beer tasting event followed by the traditional Sail Past dinner with the main dish prepared once under the direction of Chef Gunter.

If you are planning to join in the Sail Past celebration, and you definitely should be as it is a great way to officially kick-off the 2017 season, there are two things you need to do ASAP.

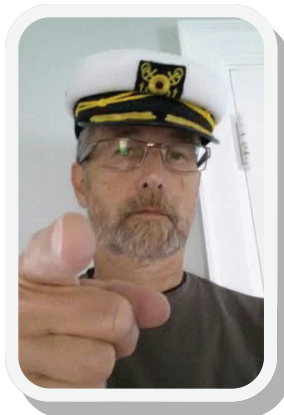
One is to tell us that you are coming and how many will be in your party; we need to know so that we can order the right amount of food. It is easy to do and takes just seconds - go to [www.fpyc.ca](http://www.fpyc.ca). In the lower right section of the home page, under Upcoming Events/Sail Past, click on [Sign Up Sheet Here](#). Provide the information requested and click the Submit button. Thirty seconds tops. The sign up will be open until May 22, at which point we will be placing the food order for the main dinner course. Don't miss out!

The second thing you need to do is to **renew your membership**. You will need to show your 2017 membership card to enjoy the afternoon treats and dinner. **Sign up will not be available at Sail Past, you need to get it done before May 27th**. Make sure you don't miss out. If you haven't done it already, renew now.

Sail Past is a 200 year old tradition, but so far the start of this season has been anything but traditional. Just look at the harbour, water right up to the brim. At the beginning of this article, a few days back, when it was still raining like it would never stop, I referred to the lake water management strategy as a "sharing of misery". Today, with the last rainfall warning behind us and the sun shining, it is very evident that those living downstream of Lake Ontario are getting much more than their fair share. Our thoughts are with them. We are the fortunate ones.

See you all on the water, and to para-riparians everywhere I say, "Float-on, you crazy diamonds!"

Stephen



**Renew your FPYC Membership Now!**

## Sailpast 2017 - Saturday, May 27th

An important day on the FPYC calendar is our annual Sail Past, which is full of tradition, ceremony and celebration. The anticipation and work of launch day has come and gone. We are able to get out on the water as a club, dress up the boats with flags and banners, and have the chance to socialize and share a meal together at the end of the day.

### Schedule

- 10:30 Dock parade with colour guard. Starting at J dock and finishing at the gas dock
- 11:00 Blessing of the boats and Commodore's comments
- 1:00 Sail Past and Commodore's salute on the water
  
- 3:30-5:30 VQA wine and craft beer compliments of MAREL BROKERS. Near the D dock picnic shelter. **2017 FPYC membership card required.**
  
- 5:30 Dinner served at the D Dock picnic shelter. **2017 FPYC membership card** and pre-registration required on the FPYC website.

Please take note of the details below.

- **Pre registration required by May 22. No late registration or additions permitted after this date** as we have to submit the numbers to our suppliers ahead of the event.
- Open to **2017** registered FPYC members and dependent children.
- Non-member guests at a cost of \$15/person if you have indicated the number of guests when signing up.
- Sign up is through the FPYC web page, [www.fpyc.ca](http://www.fpyc.ca). At the bottom of the home page is a link for the sign up sheet. Please complete and **submit by May 22**. After that date, late registrations cannot be accommodated.
- Roast beef and condiments supplied by FPYC.
- Salads, sides and desserts are potluck supplied by members, by dock, same as last year. Please bring a large dish **for at least 8 servings**. We seem to be a hungry group.
- Docks A, B, C, D, E, and Social members bring dessert.
- Docks F, G, H, and J bring salads or side dishes.
- Bring your own dishes, cutlery and glasses for dinner.

Any questions regarding Sail Past can be directed to Bill Wickett.  
Email to [social@fpyc.ca](mailto:social@fpyc.ca) or phone 519-841-8509

*Membership renewals **will not** be available at Sailpast. See FPYC website for renewal methods.*

# 2017

## Fifty Point Yacht Club

### Social Events

Time to start making plans, marking calendars and looking forward to life at the boat for the season! So we've cooked up some fun events again this year, that we're sure you're going to want to take part in! Here we go.....

Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> – Sailpast and Blessing of the Boats (**must have a 2017 membership card**)

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> – New FPYC Members Potluck

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pot-Luck BBQ & Dance

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> – Commodores Ball

We'll get these events up on the website calendar and each month in Scuttlebutt, we'll give details of the next upcoming event(s).

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

*Our Membership Directors would like to enjoy Sailpast along with our members, so membership renewal **will not** be available at Sailpast.*

*Please make plans to renew your membership **BEFORE** Saturday, May 27th as you will be required to show your 2017 membership card to participate in the dinner and wine tasting.*

### Hamilton to Host 11 Tall Ships from June 30 to July 2, 2017

The city of Hamilton will be hosting 11 magnificent Tall Ships in the Hamilton Waterfront during the RENDEZ-VOUS (RDV) Tall Ships Regatta at Pier 8.

Interested? Click here for some [more information](#)

Do you know of any local July 1st events that FPYC members might like to attend this year? Let me know and we will publish the info in our June issue of Scuttlebutt.

## Gone Kerplunk

By Brian Weber

Rick Raduka a long time FPYC member passed away April 27, 2017. Rick and Jan shared a life together over the past 15 years on Kerplunk at F 13.

Have you ever walked down a street and saw someone that you thought you recognized? But you were afraid to say something? Many of us believe in 6 degrees in separation. Have you ever made the connection?

Ruby and Brian Weber came to 50 Point in 2005. We really knew nobody except for a few that had travelled over from Newport. So we introduced ourselves to other yacht club members. First names usually do as who would really care about last names as we have typically all come from different walks of life. Well we came to know Jan and Rick. We never knew their last name(s), but we became friends as a couple just the same. Then one day over dinner, Rick asked about Brian's school years. They found out that they had gone to the same middle and high school until Rick's family moved to Milton. We even found a picture of the two of them on the same football team. They were in the same photo with only two people standing between them in the back row and Rick's school bus driver is even a friend of Ruby's.

Over time, we learned that Rick was quite a patient man. He loved life and he loved Jan and both their families. But he really loved his son Ricardo who had blossomed into a fine young man after losing his mother to cancer at the age of 8.

Rick and Jan met and decided to share a life of fun time together. But, what can you say about a man who appropriately named their boat after Jan. You see anything she touched, she dropped. It went Kerplunk into the water. All boaters either have a fuel or fresh water cap and Jan proceeded to drop three of them in the water in no time flat. Rick would just give that smile, shaking his head and give his patented nod as much as to say 'what can I say'?

Over the years, Brian's Dad had always gone to get his hair cut in The Burlington Mall. He kept talking about his stylist Helen and that her brother had a boat. Dad could never remember too much more, but we figured it out that Helen was Rick's sister. So now both of us had to be careful what we said and to whom. Whatever happened at boating, especially at Wilson, stayed with boating.

Rick was an avid sportsman and he was actively involved with baseball and golf. He also loved a joke even a dirty one. In his final days, when we were at the hospital, we were warned by Jan to be careful as he can hear you and a smile would come to his face when you had a joke or talked about a fun time.

Unfortunately, Rick developed cancer over the past two years and fought valiantly until the end. We had the pleasure to know Rick. Brian enjoyed the final voyage with Rick on Kerplunk to Wilson. But there are many others that helped Rick and Jan over the past year. They helped to ease the stress that one goes through as you try to get things ready for your passing and the strain on the ones left behind.

Rick passed away April 27, 2017. He leaves behind the love of his life Jan, Ricardo his son, Rose and Helen (mother and sister), Cassie and Geoff.

*In Memorium—Rick Raducka*





## 2017 Cruise Schedule

### **Oakville Club**

**June 17/18**

The traditional start to the cruising season. The club offers a pool, tennis, squash and badminton, dining room and bar. Downtown Oakville is a short walk away for shopping and dining out.

### **Mimico Cruising Club**

**July 1, 2 & 3**

Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday in style. Wear your red and white and decorate your boat for the occasion. There promises to be lots of local fireworks displays for viewing (maximum 10 boats).

### **Royal Hamilton Yacht Club**

**July 15/16**

A short journey with lots of time to enjoy the outdoor pool and the Hamilton Harbour waterfront trail. On Friday July 14, participate in an optional "anchor night" at nearby Carroll's Point.

### **Port Credit Yacht Club**

**August 5, 6 & 7**

Join us on our family cruise weekend with lots for the kids and adults too – outdoor pool, playground, great restaurant and beautiful trails along the lakeshore. See if you can spot Mike Holmes and his boat!

### **Oakville Yacht Squadron**

**August 19/20**

Back to Oakville for those who missed the first cruise to the area or just want to return with a view from the other side of the river. This self-help club has a full service kitchen for those so inclined.

### **Royal Canadian Yacht Club**

**September 2, 3 & 4**

Wrap up the season on the Toronto Islands with tons of activities for all ages. Bring your bike to enjoy all the islands or if you are feeling adventuresome head over to the clothing-optional beach. The club has an outdoor pool and a beautiful verandah to enjoy a hot summer evening.

### **New—Cruising lists**



The list of confirmed cruisers will be posted and updated every Sunday evening in the 'Members Only' section of the FPYC website ([www.fpyc.ca](http://www.fpyc.ca)).

The password for this section is now your **2017 membership number**.

If you do not see your boat on the list and you have submitted a request, it means that either your membership has not been paid, or there has been a technical glitch with your submission. If the latter occurs, please forward your cruise confirmation to [fpyc.cruising@gmail.com](mailto:fpyc.cruising@gmail.com).

Sue Millar (G26) & Judie Galvin (G28)  
FPYC Cruising Directors

# HELP WANTED

I have had the pleasure of providing Fifty Point Club Members with our monthly newsletter known as Scuttlebutt since my first edition in December 2012. While I have enjoyed this volunteer opportunity immensely, I am getting ready to head into retirement and I would like to free up some time to pursue other opportunities so it's time to hand the torch over to someone new with fresh ideas!

In short, I am looking for someone to take over Scuttlebutt soon and I am very willing to help with the transition, but time is running out [as October 2017 will be my last issue.](#)

Editing Scuttlebutt is a great way to get to know your fellow FPYC members and would be ideal for someone with a passion for photography or writing.

If you would like some more information on this opportunity, or think you might be interested in volunteering for this task, please talk to any member of the executive, or email me at [jayneherring9@gmail.com](mailto:jayneherring9@gmail.com).

*Jayne*





*Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!*

Click on the word [BLOG](#) below to go to each site...

**Steve & Lise Denison** (Boat—GaYa)  
'GaYa on the Move'

[BLOG](#)

Boat is on the hard in Florida, getting ready to head home

**Al & Laurie Pollard** (Boat—Needfull Things)  
'Needfull Things'

[BLOG](#)

Boat is on the hard for hurricane season in Florida, heading home out West

**John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton** (Boat—Nahanni V)  
'Nahanni V At Sea'

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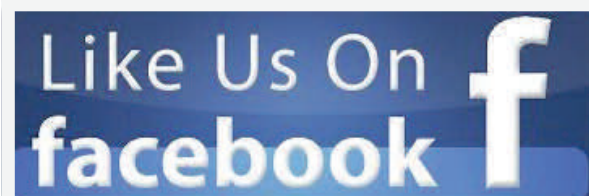
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## *Celebration of Life for Doug Nixon*

There will be a second celebration of life for Doug Nixon (Mist Approach) to be held on Saturday, May 27, 2017, (after Sailpast) at the F Dock Shelter from 3:00—4:30 p.m.

As some people were unable to attend the first celebration, club members thought it would be fitting to hold a second celebration at Fifty Point, as the water played a significant part of Doug's life.

Please drop by to say hello and share a memory with Chris Nixon, John and Barb.



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### Water Levels

Please note; this recently received email from Tony Haslam, Commodore, Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club, is an example of the issues currently faced by many north shore clubs. It is advisable to call ahead to check the conditions at any club you may plan to visit, especially early in this season.

**“Currently the high lake water level has resulted in a situation where the majority of Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club docks are covered with water. Because of potential hazards caused by this condition, the club board of directors has concluded that CBYC cannot accommodate visiting boats at this time. The club will continue to monitor the conditions and will advise of any change to this decision.**

**Would you please advise your members accordingly.”**

**Tony Haslam, Commodore.**



### Captain Wanted

My name is Taras, I am inquiring whether any members of your yacht club would be able to help me achieve my goal.

As a very brief summary, I will be participating in a self-powered paddling event in a surfski (i.e. a type of kayak) across Lake Ontario on July 29 or 30, 2017 from Niagara (Port Dalhousie) to Toronto. It is a single day event, under 6hr crossing, the actual date depends on weather conditions. As part of the event, I need to have an escort boat following me throughout the race and being able to take me and my surfski onboard in the event of weather, physical, or technical complications.

I am looking for a captain and a spotter with a 18ft+ power boat, carrying all equipment required by law, VHF, GPS, and have experience in open water of Lake Ontario up to 15 knots. Further details are found at event's website <https://niagara2toronto.ca/escort-boats/> I would appreciate if you can inquire within you club and pass my information to any members who may be interested in helping with my pursuit. I can discuss details and potential costs with them independently.

Contact details:

Taras

Email: [TFUBLIC@gmail.com](mailto:TFUBLIC@gmail.com) Phone: [416-508-7158](tel:416-508-7158)

## Meet your New Executive!

*Chris Pollard, Membership Director*

Hello from J12!

My name is Chris Pollard, and along with Tom and Noah, we crew *Sails Call on J12*. You may also have met our 2 sail-loving domestic rats who often accompany us on the water.

When my husband and I met, we spent many holidays exploring the Trent Severn Waterway and other small lakes on his houseboat. But Tom yearned for a sailboat. I was game, but had never sailed. While we awaited the boat's arrival, I took a course and attended a beginners sailing seminar. Soon after we took possession of *Blown Away* we left on an 8 week, 2000 mile adventure; including negotiating 97 locks. Those 8 weeks were transformational and I was hooked! And not just to sailing. Tom and I were married the following year. We spent two years docked at Fifty Point Marina and then moved our boat to Wright's Marina in Northern Georgian Bay for the next 10 years.

When we bought *Sails Call*, she was already on Lake Ontario. Our plan was to sail here for one year and then move her up North. But here we remain 7 years later. Perhaps being on J dock has helped. We often hear that others consider it "remote", but it suits us just fine.

Fifty Point has turned out to be a good home for us. We love the water, kayaking, bicycling and hiking. On the weekends, you will find us with our yoga mats over by the lookout platform, anchored by the beach or heading out to visit other marinas.

I hope that you enjoy your summer at Fifty Point or wherever you roam. Perhaps we will meet on the dock, having ice cream at the snack bar, or at one of the yacht club events.

